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In re Application of  
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Group Art Unit 3724

For: SPRING-BIASED BRAKE MECHANISM FOR POWER EQUIPMENT

To: Commissioner for Patents  
Attention: Examiner Boyer D. Ashley  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**SECOND AMENDMENT**

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004.

Please amend the claims as set forth below. Applicant's remarks follow the claims.